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HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.V.RAMANA

WRIT PETITION NO:16505 of 2006

DATED:09-08-2006

Between:

P.P.Goud

..... PETITIONER

AND

1. The Depot Manager, APSRTC, Wanaparthy Bus Depot, Mahabubnagar District, A.P., and another

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

The petitioner is employed as a Conductor in APSRTC. He was issued a charge sheet dated 21-05-2002 for loss of tickets tray with tickets of various denominations for a total value of Rs.23,075/- on 28-02-2002. He submitted an explanation denying the charge sheet. A formal enquiry was conducted and finally the first respondent issued the final order No.01/804 (1)/2002-WNP, dated 26-05-2006 ordering recovery of Rs.12,425/- from the salary of the petitioner in 20 instalments towards the value of the lost running

blocks tickets and printing charges of lost fresh tickets.

It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner and admitted to by the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents that the subject matter of this writ petition is squarely covered by a judgment of this Court in W.P.No.18936 of 2005, dated 29-08-2005, wherein a learned Single Judge of this Court, following the judgment of this Court in **Ch.P.Reddy v. APSRTC**[1], disposed of the writ petition holding that it is only the printing and stationery charges that can be recovered in the event of loss of tickets, not followed by any further allegations of misuse.

Since in the instant case also, the respondents have sought to recover the value of the tickets, the impugned order in view of the above order, cannot be sustained.

Hence, the impugned order is set aside and the writ petition is allowed. It is, however, left open to the respondents to recover printing and stationery charges from the petitioner for the tickets that were lost in his hands. It is represented that certain amount has already been recovered from the petitioner. The same shall be refunded to him after deducting the printing and stationery charges of the tickets. No costs.

09th August, 2006

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[1] 2000 (5) ALT 7